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Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report - June 1955

ADMINISTRATION

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1. As of 30 June the total personnel on duty was [REDACTED]
2. Two short films on cancer were shown to FDD personnel on 7 and 8 June during the lunch period.
3. A survey was made of the Division in an attempt to decrease the amount of unrequired intelligence reports received by the Division from other parts of the IAC. This resulted in a 15 percent cut in Message Center transmittal and logging.

OPERATIONS

1. The 51st meeting of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications was held on 10 June. The review of Western Europe was completed. It was agreed 1) to issue a weekly index of "Le Monde," and 2) to issue bimonthly reports on a) Development of Political Attitudes in [REDACTED] b) Trade Union Activities in Finland; and c) Cooperation Between Communist, Socialist, and Catholic Labor Unions in France and Italy. The review of Japan/Korea and of Latin America was completed with minor changes in coverage and presentation.

Since the current review of reporting programs has been completed, the Committee will go on a monthly meeting schedule until the time for the next program review. The next meeting will be held 8 July.

2. On 10 June, Chief, Eastern Europe Branch, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at a Contact Division briefing.

25X1A Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations and functions [REDACTED] on 24 June.

3. The first of four new scheduled reports were issued during the month:

"Monthly Information Report on Continental Southeast Asia" (Summary).

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"Data on USSR Consumer Goods Industries" (Summary) --
Bimonthly

"Index of 'Le Monde'" (OO-W) -- Weekly

"Monthly Information Report on Afghanistan" (OO-W)

4. Liaison was held with Commerce Department through Liaison Division, OCD, to the end of having Commerce sponsor the GPO printing of the USSR Academy of Sciences textbook "Political Economy" prepared by FDD. Commerce refused to sponsor the project on the grounds that publication might lead to public criticism. Other methods of publication are being investigated.

5. A new system of special reporting, aimed particularly to service OCI with timely spot news briefs, was initiated under a series to be known as "FDD Notes."

6. On information that ATIC is engaged in compilation of material for Russian-English technical dictionaries, steps were taken by FDD to coordinate such efforts with the collecting in progress in the Division. ATIC's attention was called to the imminent publication of the "Russian-English Glossary of Metallurgical and Metal-Working Terms" [REDACTED]

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7. As a result of obvious delays in the reproduction of FDD reports, a conference was held with officers of Reproduction Division. Some causes for delays in publication of FDD scheduled reports were revealed and through mutual cooperation it is hoped that major difficulties will be eliminated within a month.

8. The Division cooperated with Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library, in providing a selection of cartoons reportedly required by USIA for a briefing of the Secretary of State and the President.

9. Commendations:

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From Acting Chief, TBS/ID, for recent services in the translation and evaluation of technical Persian-language documents performed by [REDACTED]

From the Assistant Director for Operations to the Deputy Chief and 12 members of the Far East and USSR branches for support rendered in "Operation Alert."

10. Special services rendered:

AEC -- Evaluated three translations (in Russian, French, and Spanish) of US data to be distributed at the Geneva "Atoms for Peace" Conference. The Russian and French were found to be substandard, the Spanish usable.

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OSI -- Monitored Polish, Czech, and Hungarian broadcast tapes to determine intelligibility under jamming.

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OTR -- For Language and External Training School, [REDACTED] served on a panel for testing fluency in spoken French.

DD/P -- For TSS [REDACTED] translated and interpreted Persian material.

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11. Significant reports:

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[REDACTED] Data on Russian language courses in the Satellites

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[REDACTED] Information on new coal-mining equipment in the USSR

FDD Summary No. 501 -- Information on Rumanian petroleum industry, 1949-1951

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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details on Personnel Actions

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